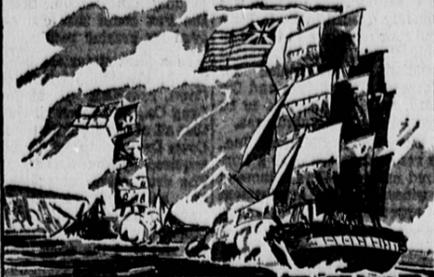


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THE SHIP REPRISAL



UNDER THE COMMAND OF LAMBERT WICKES, THE 16-GUN AMERICAN SLOOP, REPRISAL, LIVED UP TO HER NAME, SAILING FROM AMERICA LATE IN 1776 WITH BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ABOARD, THE REPRISAL PIRED THE ATLANTIC, TAKING SEVERAL PRIZES ON HER TRIP TO FRANCE. AFTER LEAVING FRANKLIN AT PARIS, THE REPRISAL BOLDLY CROSSED THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, RAIDING AND SINKING THE ENEMY IN SIGHT OF HIS OWN SHORES. THE SEA ACCOMPISHED WHAT THE BRITISH NAVY COULD NOT, THE GALLANT REPRISAL FLOUNDERED IN A STORM, SINKING WITH ALL HANDS EXCEPT THE COOK.



Policies Studied by Legislature Revision of State Fair Support

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At our recent session we devoted a considerable amount of time and effort to the financing and other problems of the 79 state-aided fairs and expositions. Under previous law, a flat allowance of \$65,000 per year, regardless of need, was made to each county and district fair. Over the years, some fairs had accumulated sizeable reserves because of this procedure, and there was a growing volume of criticism of the system.

As a result of our deliberations, two basic changes in our laws relating to fairs were made. First, the flat allocation was dropped and was replaced by a system of grants determined by needs of the individual fair, with a maximum of \$65,000 per year. Second, the former fairs classification committee, which had only limited study powers, was abolished in favor of a new joint fairs allocation and classification committee, made up of seven legislators each from the Senate and Assembly. The new group

has broad and continuing powers over determination of need for grants and over the operations of the various fairs.

AT A RECENT meeting of the new committee, as had been anticipated, it became apparent that the annual setting of allocations for the various fairs will create considerable controversy. However, the new system will give the Legislature a closer control over the purse strings of the fairs and will also keep us more abreast of the problems as well as the potentialities of our fairs and expositions.

A number of provocative suggestions for further improvements in fair operation were submitted to the committee by the association of fairs. One, intended for the betterment of exhibits, calls for the establishment in the state division of architecture of a bureau or unit for exhibit planning and design. It would be the job of this unit to assist departments of state government, form organizations and similar groups, to plan and construct exhibits best designed to inform the viewing public as to the aims and functions of the exhibiting agency for use at all types of fairs.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION intended to increase the year around use of fair facilities calls for the state to change its controls over capital construction at fairs so as to permit erection of multi-purpose structures which can be easily adapted to a wide variety of uses, as for instance, pavilion-type buildings which can be used for basketball, dances, indoor professional sports, as well as for exhibit space. Such buildings, it was pointed out, would permit many fairs to advertise their events and facilities on a year around basis, and thus further increase revenues.

Still another area recommended for study is the present limitation by the state of a one year maximum on the length of contracts into which the fairs may enter. The committee was reminded of the difficulty which the State Fair has encountered in encourag-

ing major industries to erect permanent exhibits because of this restriction. Another reason advanced for lifting this ban on long term contracts is that to do so might give the fairs better control over carnival concessions, and so put an end to complaints that many of them bilk the public in rigged prize contests.

AT PRESENT the fairs which offer racing are required by law to offer three types, flat, harness, and quarter-horse, if sufficient animals are entered in each class. It was suggested that it might be better to permit each fair to control the type, so as to improve the races.

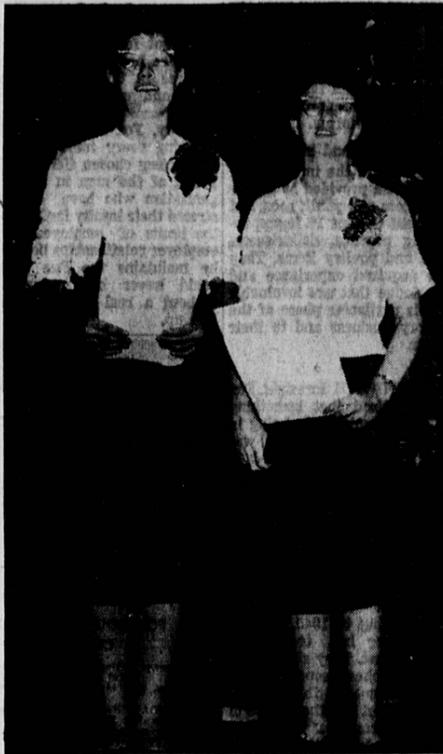
Opinions of Others

"Our government is strong only because it is built upon freedom. Our nation has flourished because individual initiative has been encouraged. There is great power in Washington because our country prospers through a free enterprise system.

"The government counts on a solid, productive people for strength. When the people are corrupted to believe their salvation springs from the government, both the people and the state will perish."—*Riverton (Wyo.) Ranger.*

"Government spending is meeting with a crying public demand for decreased spending as well as taxes. In fact, everything that has any tendency toward increasing the cost to the American consumer is meeting with public indignation.

"The government should find a way to direct a greater portion of the take-home pay of the working man into more channels of trade, instead of increasing his costs and making it harder for him to find enough left to meet the needs of his household."—*Willcox (Ariz.) News.*



PRACTICE SONGS . . . Marjorie Winter and Jane Strohm run through some of the numbers they will sing as part of the Torrance high school's Fifth Annual Christmas Concert to be held next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Participants are from the speech and drama classes, girls' glee club and the Tartar Band. (Herald Photo)



STACY DRUG OPENS . . . City and store officials watch as Betty Baker and Marvin Dizak, Stacy executive, snip ribbon at front entrance to the new Stacy Drug Co. store at the Shoppers Market center at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Thursday morning. From the left are City Manager George Stevens, Shoppers Vice President Dave Shore, Miss Baker, Dizak, and Chamber of Commerce President J. H. Paget. (Herald Photo)



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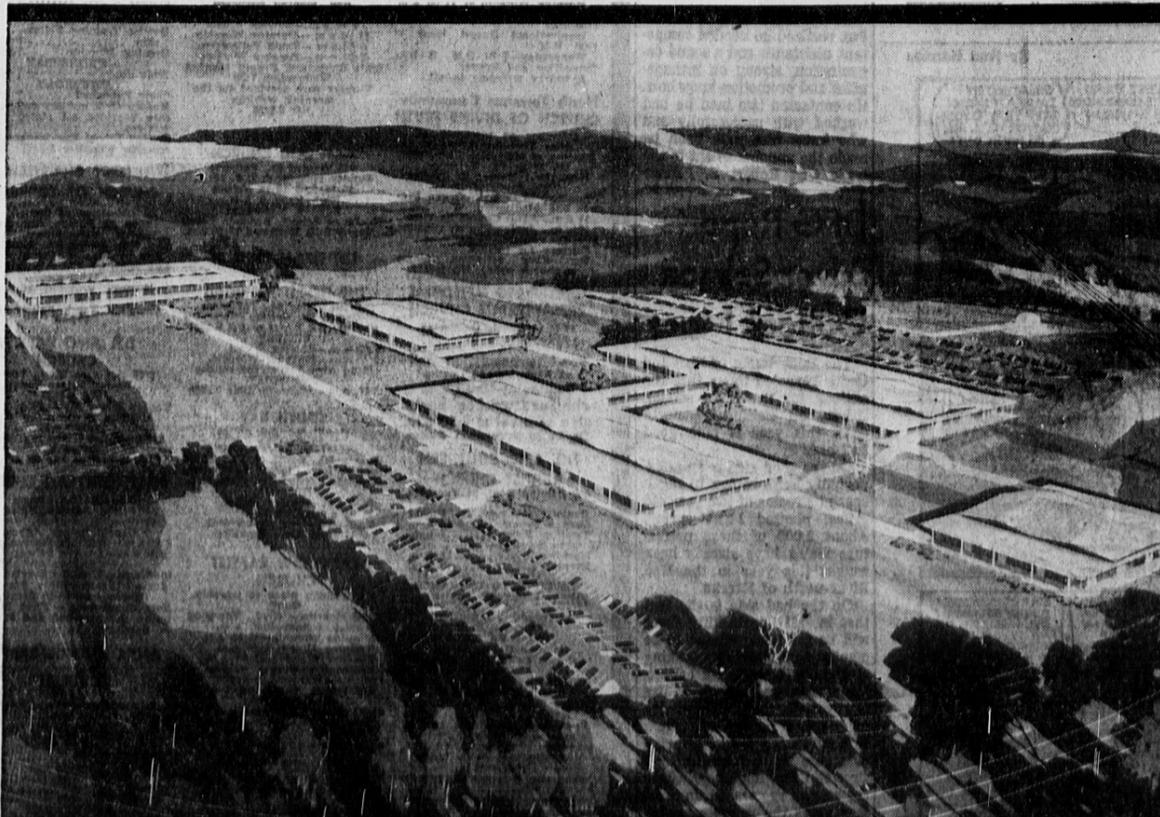
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